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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 11183

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE

SUBJECT: STATUS LEBANESE ARMY FMS CREDITS

1. AS LEBANESE ARMY STILL MAINTAINING WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION USE 1972 FMS CREDIT, CHARGE CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE KHALIL SALEM TO DETERMINE STATUS OF CREDIT. SALEM CLAIMED THAT AUTHORIZATION USE CREDIT HAD BEEN HELD UP FIRST BY CABINET CHANGE IN JULY AND THEN BY NECESSITY OBTAIN EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF INTEREST INVOLVED WITH CREDIT. SUCH EXEMPTION WAS APPROVED SOME THREE WEEKS AGO AND DECISION SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELAYED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHO WOULD THEN HAVE AUTHORIZED COMMITMENT OF CREDIT. UNFORTUNATELY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SECRETARIAT NEVER TRANSMITTED DECISION TO DEFENSE MINISTER.

2. IN CHARGE'S PRESENCE SALEM OBTAINED AGREEMENT SECRETARY GENERAL PRIME MINISTRY TO TRANSMIT DECISION TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE WHILE LATTER AGREED TO AUTHORIZE ARMY TO COMMIT CREDIT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER HE HAD RECEIVED DECISION. LEBANESE ARMY SHOULD THUS BE ABLE TO USE 1972 AND CREDIT SHORTLY.

3. SALEM INDICATED THAT GOL STILL WORKING ON 1973 CREDIT  
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BUT AS HE WAS NOT FULLY FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS HE PREFERRED

DISCUSS MATTER AFTER HIS RETURN FROM NAIROBI IBRD  
MEETING.

3. PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR BUFFUM.  
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